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National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/012772 under 35 U.S.C. 371, for
**ENCODING METHOD, ENCODING APPARATUS, DECODING METHOD, DECODING APPARATUS
AND PROGRAMS THEREOF**

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1. Check in the amount of \$1540.00
2. Transmittal Letter concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. (Duplicate)
3. First Preliminary Amendment.
4. English translation of International application No. PCT/JP2005/012772, comprising 86 sheets, including 14 claims, and 11 sheets of formal drawings
5. Declaration of the inventors.
6. Information Disclosure Statement with Forms PTO/SB/08 and PCT/ISA/210, along with 6 patent and non-patent documents attached.
7. Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
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9. Cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO 2006/006564 A1

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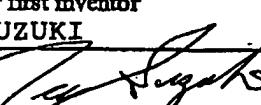
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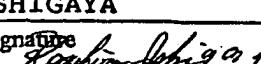
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